# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the quantity and value of handicrafts exported during each of the last three years and the current year,country-wise;

(b) the target fixed and success achieved for handicrafts exports during the said period,country-wise;

(c) whether there is good demand of Bastar handicrafts abroad;and

(d) if so,the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to promote the production and export of Bastar handicrafts?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S.ELANGOVAN)

(a):The quantity-wise export data is not maintained.However,the value of handicraft exported during each of the last three years,country-wise is as under:-

(Rupees in Crore)

| Country | 2005-06 (Prov.) | 2006-07 (Prov.) | 2007-08 (Prov.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 238.44 | 271.77 | 210.78 |
| Canada | 450.25 | 538.19 | 430.85 |
| France | 615.76 | 805.72 | 673.91 |
| Germany | 1526.50 | 1725.90 | 1366.14 |
| Italy | 476.40 | 608.31 | 476.13 |
| Japan | 423.86 | 482.93 | 386.04 |
| Netherland | 416.63 | 537.07 | 446.28 |
| Saudi Arabia | 352.53 | 455.96 | 386.95 |
| Switzerland | 229.89 | 266.63 | 205.77 |
| USA | 4462.76 | 5419.99 | 4507.51 |
| UK | 1669.55 | 1927.24 | 1506.52 |
| Other countries | 3664.28 | 4248.43 | 3415.17 |
| Total: | 14526.85 | 17288.14 | 14012.05 |

The country-wise export data on handicrafts for the current financial year i.e.2008-09 is not available.However,the total export of handicraft from the country for the period April-September 2008 is to the tune of Rs.4504.83 crore.

(b):The target fixed and success achieved for handicrafts exports during the said period is as under:-

Rs.In Crore

| Year | Target | Achievement |
|---|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 14000.00 | 14526.85 |
| 2006-07 | 16500.00 | 17288.14 |
| 2007-08 | 21000.00 | 14012.05 |
| 2008-09 | 17950.00 | 4504.83(April-Sept.,2008-09) |

The country-wise targets are not fixed for export of handicrafts.

(c) & (d):Yes,Sir.There is a good demand of Bastar handicraft particularly dhokara and wood carving crafts.The action taken by the Government to promote the production and export of handicrafts including that of Bastar handicrafts include:implementation of Human

Resource Development Scheme; Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme;Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters; participation in exhibitions/fairs abroad; organizing Buyer-Seller Meets in India and abroad;organising Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fairs twice a year;organizing thematic/stand alone exhibitions & Workshop/Seminar for packaging and export procedure management,etc.